

State Accepting Public Comments on Plan to Expand Gustav/Ike Planning Program

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BATON ROUGE - The State of Louisiana is accepting public comments on an Action Plan Amendment to expand planning activities related to recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike. No funds are being transferred, as \$5.7 million has already been set aside by the state for planning.

“As we continue to work with the 53 parishes impacted by hurricanes Gustav and Ike, it has become clear that we need to expand our planning efforts, to focus on long-term sustainability and resiliency for these communities, which is what this amendment will allow,” said Pat Forbes, executive director of the Louisiana Office of Community Development.

The formal public comment period for Action Plan Amendment 23 begins today, Nov. 12, 2014 and continues until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014. After accepting public comments, the state will submit the plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for final federal approval.

Citizens, community leaders and elected officials can access the plan and submit comments online by visiting

http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/DR/GI_ActionPlans.htm and opening "[Action Plan Amendment 23](#).” A copy of the plans can be requested by calling (225) 219-9600.

After accepting public comments, the state will submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for final federal approval. Members of the public can submit comments several ways:

- Using the online form

at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/dr/GI_ActionPlans.htm;

- Emailing them to ocd@la.gov;

- Mailing them to Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice

Lovett; or

- Faxing them to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605.

The Disaster Recovery Unit within the Office of Community Development is dedicated to helping Louisiana's citizens recover from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike and Isaac. As the state's central point for hurricane recovery, OCD-DRU manages the most extensive rebuilding effort in American history, working closely with local, state and federal partners to ensure that Louisiana recovers safer, stronger and smarter than before.

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